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Newsletter

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Recognition Corner:

Our own Hisham Keblawi, MD has been selected for the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics Academic Scholars and Leaders program. This highly competitive program which includes a 15 month curriculum is a testament to his current teaching and curriculum management efforts in the Dept. of OB/GYN here at the JCESOM.



You Asked. We Did.

Update on Honors/Pass/Fail grading scheme for third and fourth year Clerkships

The new Honor/Pass/Fail Clerkship grading system took effect at the start of the fall semester 2015. The process is working well, but is likely to require some tweaks here and there. Currently, the grading scheme affects the third-year required rotations, but will be adopted for the fourth-year electives and sub-internships in the fall of 2016.

New Initiatives Corner

Implementation of rigorous exam question review process

The JCESOM has moved to adopt a more stringent question review process in order to ensure that multiple choice questions used in first and second year exams meet stricter standards. The newly implemented review process is as follows: all MCQ used in each exam will be evaluated based on their performance values (p-value) as well as their point-biserial correlation coefficient. Questions that do not meet defined cutoffs will now undergo revision. Our ultimate aim is to ensure that our questions are fair and that they discriminate knowledge appropriately and that the exams meet national standards.

Scholarly Activity Corner

Pediatrics

Dr Flesher, a hospitalist in the department of pediatrics as well as the pediatrics residency director, authored two manuscripts listed below. Afton Wickline was a MS4 last year when the research was performed and Kelsey Cowen was a rising 2nd year and Cowen performed this work under the summer stipend research program. The data was also presented as a poster at the Pediatric Academic Society (PAS) Meeting in San Diego in April 2015.

- Hayes RM, Wickline A, Hensley C, Cowen K, Jessie A, Akers M, Dolan J, Pritt A, O'Neill K, Flesher S. A Quality Improvement Project to Improve Family Recognition of Medical Team Member Roles. *Hosp Pediatr*. 2015 Sep; 5(9):480-6.

The second manuscript also involved JCESOM medical students Ashely Litchfield and Rebecca Hayes. Both were MS3 students when this systematic review was written.

- Litchfield AB, Hayes RM, Shuler FD, Flesher S. Type 1 diabetes in children and vitamin D. *WVMJ* 2015. Jan-Feb; 111 (1): 32-7.

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The following manuscript was written wholly within JCESOM and looks at the algorithms used to predict student performance on future national exams. It serves as a tool for other schools struggling to come up with a process to assist at risk students.

- Gullo CA, McCarthy MJ, Shapiro, J and Miller B. Predicting Medical School Success on Licensure Exams. *Medical Science Educator*. First online: Oct 07, 2015; 1-7.

Dermatology

Two JCESOM MS4 students, Audrey Dean and Ali Hagger, collaborated with Dr. Christina Cernik, a dermatologist who is from the same hometown as Audrey (in Akron, Ohio). Dr. Cernik noted this interesting case in her clinic and recognized it as an important syndrome to publish. Audrey says she very grateful to Dr. Cernik who offered this opportunity to her and that she was happy to share the work with Hagger.

- Dean A, Ali H, and Cernik C. Rapidly Growing, Painful Nodule on the Upper Cutaneous Lip. *JAMA - Dermatology Clinicopathological Challenge*. Oct 24, 2015; E1-E2.



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our St George's students who are currently rotating through various Clerkships. Although many of you may have seen them, here is a photo with their names. Please continue to show them the hospitality that we are known for. Word on the street is that they are doing well and enjoying being here in Huntington, WV.

From left to right are: Monica Talag, Simran Jandu, Britney Johnson, Priya Prasher, Krista Putty, Hee Do Jeon and Eric Auyoung (not pictured).